

REMARKS

At the outset the Applicant wishes to thank Patent Examiner Nasser Ahmad for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned attorney during the Personal Interview on January 27, 2004, at the U.S.P.T.O. The substance of this Personal Interview is set forth in the Examiner Interview Summary and in this Amendment.

The amendments to this patent application are as follows. The independent claim 12 is being amended to include the subject matter of claim 21, and claim 21 has been cancelled. Thus claim 12 now recites that further layers (26) are provided that are located on and bonded to both sides of the plastic web films, such that both plastic films are each provided with a further layer (26) bonded to the plastic films. The Specification on Page 3 was amended to provide support for this language in claim 12. Claim 20 was amended to be consistent with claim 12 from which it depends.

In the Advisory Action dated February 5, 2004, the Patent Examiner stated that the Amendment previously filed on December 29, 2003, overcame the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 132.

Therefore the only remaining rejection in the Final Office

Action is the rejection of claims 12 and 15 to 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by *Duncan*.

Because claim 12 has been amended to recite the subject matter of claim 21, claim 12 and claim 20 now recites that there are 6 layers present in the multilayer coextrudate of the invention. *Duncan* fails to teach or to suggest this claimed multilayer coextrudate having these six layers. These 6 claimed layers include the two plastic films between which is an adhesive layer and a release layer. Then on the outside of each of the plastic films is a further layer (26).

For all these reasons, *Duncan* fails to provide an identical disclosure of the claimed invention. Hence the present invention is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102.

In summary, claim 21 has been cancelled and claims 12 and 20 have been amended. Claims 12, 14 to 20 and 22 are pending. In view of these amendments, it is firmly believed that the present invention, and all the claims, are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 103 over all the prior art applied by the Patent Examiner. A prompt notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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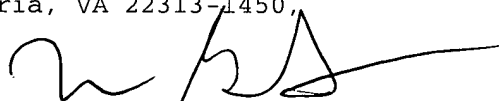
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